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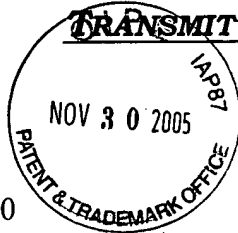


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AMENDED APPEAL BRIEF

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Dear Sir:

On November 15, 2005, a Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was sent out for the above-noted matter. Accordingly, Applicant is submitting an Amended Appeal Brief. As provided by M.P.E.P. 1205.03, Applicant is filing replacement sections. Specifically, the section entitled "Status of Claims" on page 5 has been amended to properly reflect that claim 9 was cancelled, rather than withdrawn.

Next, the status of "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter" has been amended to more properly refer to the reference numerals and specific pages of the specification.

The only changes to this section are the addition of reference numerals in parentheses and page numbers that are listed in brackets.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 were filed with the parent application on April 12, 2001, which claims the benefit of a provisional application filed April 14, 2000. In an Office Action mailed November 19, 2003, claims 7 and 8 were rejected. An Amendment was filed on February 18, 2004 amending claim 7 and adding claim 9. Claims 1-6 were withdrawn. On November 12, 2004 claim 7 was further amended and claim 9 cancelled, leaving only claims 7 and 8. Claims 7 and 8 were rejected in a Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005. Claims 7 and 8 are pending. This appeal followed, and claims 7 and 8 are the claims being appealed.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

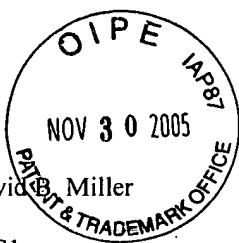
A concise explanation of the invention for each of the independent claims involved in the appeal is as follows:

Claim 7

Claim 7 recites a method of making a clip (10, 110, 210) in an irrigation hose assembly (Fig. 8). A plurality of clips (10, 110, 210), having a body (11) with an opening [page 4, line 12], are secured at spaced intervals on an irrigation hose (50) having an outer surface. The clips (10, 110, 210) are secured at the factory [page 4, lines 3-17 and page 5, lines 3-5] by enlarging the opening to allow the clips (10, 110, 210) to be inserted on the hose (50) and then releasing the clip (10, 110, 210) to secure the clip (10, 110, 210) to the hose (50). The clips (10, 110, 210) have an inner diameter sized and configured to be secured around the hose (50) and also to be moveable on the hose (50), wherein the clip (10, 110, 210) is in contact with the outer surface of the hose (50). The clips (10, 110, 210) and hose (50) are coiled, whereby the assembly of the clips (10, 110, 210) and hose (50) are able to be shipped to a site for subsequent installation by suspending the clips (10, 110, 210) (and thereby the attached hose) from a wire [page 5, lines 3-17]. As stated on page 5, lines 25-29, the preassembling of the clips (10, 110, 210) of the factory eliminates the labor at the site. Previously, as described on page 1, lines 14-19, the hose has been delivered to the site where it is unwound and the clips are manually attached to the hose. Then the wire is secured to the clip to hang the dripper line hose for subsequent use during

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irrigation. The process is slow and expensive and requires substantial labor to install the clips over the hundreds of feet of hose [page 1, lines 20-21].



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Remarks

If there are any other questions regarding this brief, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed.

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